

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBER-IN-DISCERNMENT STATUS**  
Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ

Date of application \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

\_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND** High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School/Seminary \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
**(or anticipated year of graduation.)**

**EMPLOYMENT RECORD** (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(beginning with (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
most recent) (4) \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY** (describe: single, married, partnered, children, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**NOTE:** See reverse side for list of documents which complete this application, helpful information, and mailing instructions.

**The following materials complete this application:**

(This list represents the practice of the Minnesota Conference UCC and replaces step five (section 2, page 12) of Manual on Ministry and does include some variation. The responsibility for providing this documentation rests with the candidate, rather than the local church.)

- A. A letter of reference from your pastor
- B. A letter of endorsement from an official body of your congregation
- C. Reports on your academic or vocational program over the past three years
- D. Two additional letters of recommendation
- E. A written statement setting forth your Christian experience and your educational and vocational plans.
- F. A single paragraph statement on “Why I am pursuing Ordained (or Commissioned) Ministry”
- G. Report on Phase I Psychological Assessment at NCMDC (see NCMDC information for details). The assessment requests that the applicant fill out a medical information form. The Committee on Ministry will not see this information but it is important to the work of the psychologists doing the assessment, therefore we require that the medical information form be filled out and submitted to NCMDC.
- H. If you have completed other requirements for ordination (see the Minnesota Conference UCC Ordination Preparation Policy) such as: an internship in a local church, CPE, previous licensure by the UCC or another denomination, etc., please provide those materials with this application.

**Send application and above materials to:**

Committee on Ministry  
Minnesota Conference UCC  
122 W. Franklin Ave., Rm. 323  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Upon receipt of the application and documents listed above, you will be contacted to schedule an interview with the Discernment & Preparation Subcommittee of the Committee on Ministry. You may also call the Conference office to schedule.

**If you have questions or concerns:**

Call Marita Karlisch at Minnesota Conference UCC office: (612) 871-0359 or email [maritak@uccmn.org](mailto:maritak@uccmn.org)

See also— Discernment Principles and Procedures  
“Students In-Care” from UCC Manual On Ministry  
([www.ucc.org/churchstuff/ministers/manual](http://www.ucc.org/churchstuff/ministers/manual))  
Discernment Policy  
NCMDC information